

III. REMARKS

A. Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103

Claims 1 and 3-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nutter (US 3,885,935) in view of Brereton (US 1,411,606).

B. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 and 7 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 8-40 were allowed in the Office Action.

C. Response to Claim Rejections

In view of allowability of claim 2, claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 2, and claim 2 has been canceled.

In view of allowability of claim 7, new independent claim 41 corresponds to the original claim 1 with some of the limitations of claim 7. New claim 42 which depends from claim 41, presents the additional limitations of claim 7.

D. Claim Correction

Claim 36 has been amended to correct dependency from claim 42 (which did not exist as originally filed) to claim 34.

E. Summary

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes claims 1 and 3-42 are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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